

# THE HAWAIIAN STAR

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## LONGSHOREMEN AND COAST UNIONS.

The Hawaiian longshoremen are wary of the plan to identify themselves with any of the coast unions. They are doing well as they are, and by joining an outside labor organization to which they would have to pay dues, they would simply decrease their incomes and compel the shippers to look to the Orientals for dock work.

Common sense ought to lead the natives to let well enough alone. They have the preference in Hawaii as longshoremen now. They get all the work, they receive good pay, they do not have to stand coast assessments for politics, McNamara trials and the like and the way ahead is clear of obstacles. But if they affiliate with the "things and agitators" on the coast, they will lose the good will of their local employers and will, eventually, find themselves out of a job. There is plenty of labor here to take their places.

Furthermore it is altogether likely that the coast unions are nearing their Waterloo—especially in San Francisco where the public spirit against them is rising higher and higher. If the citizen's ticket wins in San Francisco, as seems probable, then no union will be permitted by the police to interfere with free labor on the docks or otherwise and the threat of San Francisco longshoremen not to let vessels be discharged which are loaded by non-union longshoremen here must come to nothing. It would be the part of prudence among the island laborers to hold back and see whether or not the coast unions will have much of a say a few weeks from now. The chances are that they won't.

## HAWAIIANS AND TOBACCO FARMING.

One of the good things about the growing tobacco industry is that Hawaiians are working in the fields and becoming adepts at the tasks imposed. The work is not very hard and the natives take to it as they never did to the cultivation of sugar.

The habit of gathering in the towns and living a hand-to-mouth existence has proved a curse to Hawaiians, who were much better off when they raised their own taro and sweet potatoes and did their own fishing, than they have ever been since. What they need is to go back to the soil, learning how to cultivate it and, ultimately raising profitable things on their own homesteads. The tobacco business offers a chance when they learn how. The crop is not hard to cultivate on the right kind of land, its particular pests are not here and the part requiring the most skill, the curing, does not necessarily fall to the farmer.

The Star hopes that the tobacco growers will give Hawaiians the preference for field work so long as they make good and that the natives will more and more identify themselves with an agriculture which will increase their value to the community and their independence and self-respect.

## THE STAR'S NEWS CONFIRMED.

The public will remember that the Star denounced the alleged cablegram published first in the Bulletin a short time ago and then embellished by the morning paper, stating that six cruisers were coming here. The Associated Press had named but four and the Star was the only paper which gave the news correctly. To doubly assure the public we sent for further particulars from the Associated Press, which confirmed our original telegram.

Now the Bulletin also confirms it and shows the bogus character of its particular burst of enterprise. It's Washington correspondence says:

The armored cruisers making the journey and seeking to defeat the land forces in Hawaii will be the Colorado, West Virginia, South Dakota and California. The fleet will be accompanied by eight torpedo boat destroyers. These will join in the maneuvers and assist in preventing the destruction of the attacking warships by submarine attacks from shore.

That is precisely the state of facts the Star reported at the time and which the Bulletin and Advertiser tampered with so as to deceive the public with the idea that they had more and later news than this journal had. The Advertiser went further and added that Rear Admiral Murdock would command. The Star promptly questioned this and the news coming the other day shows that the commander of the coming squadron is Rear Admiral Thomas.

This is a very good showing indeed for the policy of the Star of printing the Associated Press news as it comes and of the policy of the other papers in spinning it out into something quite different from the fact.

The society of either Ensenada, the northern capital of Lower California or La Paz, the southern capital, is not likely to be improved by the advent of 800 troops. It is the custom of Mexico to sentence the majority of its criminals to terms of service in the army of longer or shorter duration, some of them being for life; and as the peninsula is Mexico's most suitable place for a penal colony, it gets the worst of the lot. Many attempts are made by the convicted infantrymen to escape across the American border, eighty miles from Ensenada, but the rurales guard the line and ride the trails, making it their business to head off deserters. The latter are not able to take serviceable arms with them as the commandant takes pains to keep the bayonets and ammunition locked up.

John D. Works, senator from California, wants to muzzle the press. He can hardly be blamed. The more the press learns about that veteran humbug, the more obnoxious it makes itself to him. From the time of its comment on the decision he rendered from the California Supreme bench, which earned him the sobriquet of Spring Valley Water Works, the senator hasn't admired the newspapers.

De Lara had better have kept out of Mexico. He is the Los Angeles man whom Diaz made a vain attempt to extradite. As a professional disturber of the peace, no Mexican government wants him around.

If the court would make a business of sending the members of the numerous boy gangs about town to the reform school, they would stand a better chance to become useful citizens.

Labor unions won't need a million to secure the McNamara's a fair trial, but the money would come in handy to purchase an acquittal.

Let us hope that no one will attack the army while its typhoid vaccination is "taking."

If Roosevelt doesn't wake up pretty soon people will forget whether he speaks treble or bass.

Some Russian caviare, fed to cholera germs, killed them. One might have known it.

The habit of locking up when gypsies are about is one that it pays not to overlook.

What the average birdman needs is a parachute.

## Uncle Walt The Poet Philosopher

There is no use in cursing when things are going wrong, for saying things and fussing won't bring good luck about. If fortune treats you meanly you'll find that it will pay to go around serenely. USELESS and smile the good old way. There is no use in repining if DOINGS you have got an ache; there is no use in whining as though your heart would break. It's best to sit and suffer your little pain and grin; your luck might be much tougher than it has ever been. Sometimes the gods correct you, and if you give no screech, your neighbors will respect you, and say that you're a peach. There is no use in ranting; the quiet man is best; that mouth is most enchanting which often takes a rest. Just do some silent thinking while jogging on your way; so many tongues are clinking and clanking all the day!

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## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

LAND COMMISSIONER JUDD—But it doesn't work. Ducks to keep Homesteading ought to be successful at Kapa.

BOB LEVI—The county jail is the cleanest and best-managed institution in Hawaii.

J. S. MARTIN—It is just as easy to live economically in Honolulu as anywhere else if a man knows how.

W. R. CASTLE—Punahou buildings now have fire escapes and the children that occupy them are proficient in fire drills.

W. B. SCHADER (tobacco expert)—We are trying to produce a high-priced tobacco leaf in Hawaii by cross-breeding.

ALABAMA MITCHELL—I am a night watchman now, but it is a mistake that I am going on a strike for an eight-hour night.

J. W. A. REDHOUSE—I never had anything to do with the Toogood case and I don't thank the press for identifying me with it.

R. H. TRENT—People are using solar or sun heaters a good deal and are finding them a great convenience. Mine works admirably.

DR. J. N. MCCORMACK—I am a Kentuckian and should like to meet Rev. Mr. Desha who is, I understand, a descendant of our first governor.

CHOCK WAN—Many people buy ducks and try to fatten them at home.

But it doesn't work. Ducks to keep well have to have ponds and plenty of company.

T. F. LANSING—There are 79,000 Japanese in these islands and we are only employing 25,000 of them on the plantations. The rest are crowded into almost every line of business.

E. A. DOUTHITT—It is not indicative of industrious conduct on returning, for one to take a three months' trip on the mainland and land back here in the middle of the hot weather.

COLONEL C. J. MCCARTHY—A letter came here from Switzerland addressed "Democrat, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands," and they put it in my box. It contained only an advertising circular.

G. G. SCHWEIZER—I am afraid we shall not see any of the vessels of the Pacific fleet this year. If reports are true that the big cruisers have their engines all pulled to pieces undergoing repairs at Mare Island, the chance is slim indeed. Navy Department orders have little weight with San Francisco labor unions, and I have known vessels to be held up for weeks by delay in getting repairs.

I am made, in the face of most urgent or Kentucky and should like to meet Rev. Mr. Desha who is, I understand, a descendant of our first governor. The combination will be broken when the Pearl Harbor station is completed.

## "Under The Coconut Tree"

By H. M. Ayres.

Some people are protected by the very density of their ignorance.

There were two usual folks at the polo game on Saturday who always refer to the cavalry as the "calvary." It was the only unpleasant feature of the game.

The Advertiser has a terrible time getting out a paper on Mondays. The social engagements of its staff of bright reporters constitute a serious handicap, and then there is no Sunday Star to copy from.

Judd made a good judge at Moanala.

And the cat came back!

This column is not given to the bestowal of indiscriminate praise, nevertheless we cannot withhold a word of mention of the ringing political editorials which appeared in The Advertiser yesterday. It was a lulu, a jimdandy, a crackerjack, a lallapuzza.

Allow us the luxury of a brief quotation.

"For about three years there has been a hiatus of would-be Democrats and half-caste Republicans parading their virtues before the common people."

The point is excellently taken. Lord only knows that the common people have been sat on enough in the past. When it comes, however, to having the measly virtues of a hiatus paraded before them, the matter resolves itself into a case for the Hague tribunal.

The ascent of the Kilohana pali was so hazardous that it made Scudder shudder.

An unclaimed letter is advertised addressed to the Cuban Steamship Co. Someone else with an erroneous idea of our location, evidently.

We desire to congratulate those who have charge of the selection of the musical numbers for the prison

services on the peculiar aptness of the titles of the pieces chosen. At Sunday's service two of the selections were "Inching Along" and "Were You There?" The chances are that had some of the congregation inched along a bit more lively than they did they would not now be members of the High Sheriff's Bible class. As to whether they were there or not, the answer must have suggested itself to everyone who attended the service. If they weren't there why didn't they prove an alibi?

Inspector Fennell should be prosecuted for cruelty to blind pigs.

If The Advertiser took a shot at The Star would it get a Bulletin?

Many are called but few get up.

The Indian may have his faults but judging by Longboat, in the long run he is not bad.

Friends and her own labor for her support."

Husband Denies Cruelty. Toyokuma Mamura, answering his wife Tsuda's libel, denies that he did on the 10th day of June choke, beat or injure the libellant in any manner whatever, also that he burned or destroyed her clothes, also that he did at any time forcibly eject her from the house, or on several dates enumerated in the libel commit any of the acts charged against him. Moreover, he comes back at her with charges of desertion and worse, saying she is now living in criminal relations with one Fugizawa.

Judge Whitney granted a divorce to Isano Narukawa for extreme cruelty.

GYPSIES AT IWILEI. The gypsies, who arrived here yesterday by the Mongolia from the mainland, have pitched their tents on the flats of Iwilei, close to the railroad tracks. They are residing there and so far have been quiet and have caused no trouble at all.

M. E. Silva makes special rates for cash to any named place around the island on any of his autos.

## WIFE ALLEGES GROSS CRUELTY

Caroline Amy Anderson sues Charles Anderson, to whom she was married on October 9, 1906, for divorce on the grounds of extreme cruelty and non-support. According to her libel it is one of those typical cases of brutality of husbands which almost daily blacken the pages of the divorce calendar. Mrs. Anderson says:

"That at divers times since their said marriage, the libelee has acted towards libellant in a cruel and inhuman manner, in that he has times without number struck, beat, bruised and wounded the libellant with his fists, causing her great physical pain, and in that connection libellant particularly mentions acts of violence committed on her person on the 30th day of May A. D. 1907, and on the 26th day of July, 1911.

"That, for a long time past, libelee, though an able-bodied man, in receipt of a fair wage, has refused to furnish the libellant with the common necessities of life, though he has at all times been able so to do, and has compelled libellant to depend upon her

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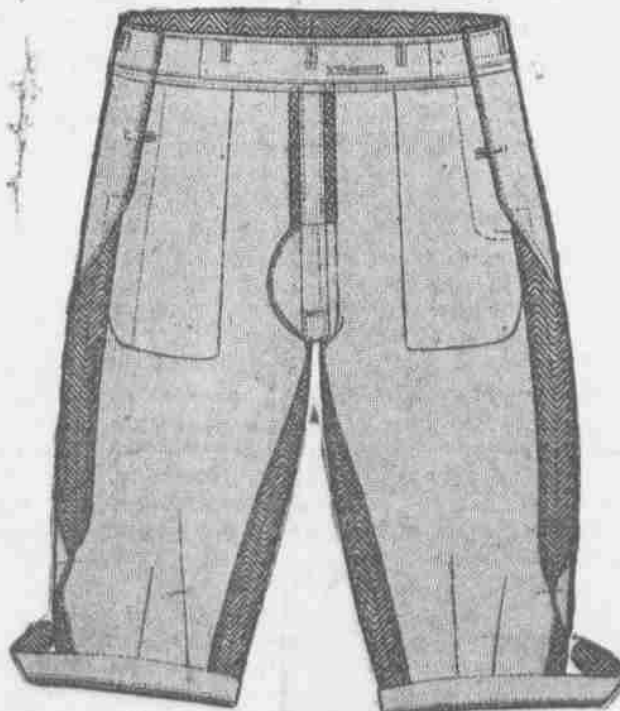
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